

**Amendments to the Claims**

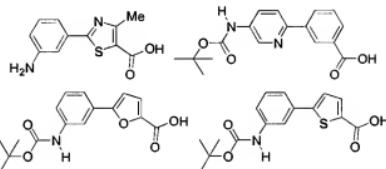
Listing of Claims:

1. (Withdrawn) A compound of formula I:

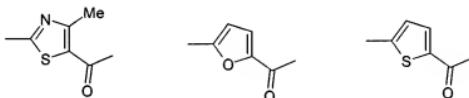


wherein:

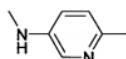
$Z$  is H or an amino protecting group;  
 $Z'$  is OH, a protected or activated hydroxyl group or Cl;  
A is an optionally substituted C<sub>5-6</sub> arylene group;  
B is an optionally substituted C<sub>5-6</sub> arylene group;  
except for the following compounds:



2. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) A The compound according to claim 1, wherein when B is phenylene with an  $-NH-\beta$  to the bond between A and B, then  $-A-CO-$  is not:



3. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) A The compound according to claim 1, wherein when  $-NH-B-$  is:



then  $-A-CO-$  is not:



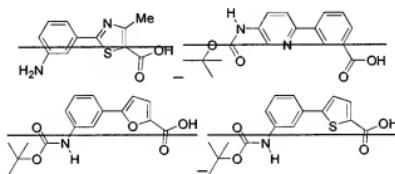
4. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) A The compound according to claim 1, wherein  $Z'$  is a protected hydroxyl group.
5. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) A The compound according to claim 1, wherein A and B are independently selected from phenylene, and arylene groups derived from  $C_5$  heteroaryl groups having one or two heteroatoms.
6. (Currently Amended) A polyamido moiety comprising at least one unit of formula II:  
$$-CO-A-B-NH- \quad (II)$$

wherein:

A is an optionally substituted  $C_{5-6}$  arylene group;

B is an optionally substituted  $C_{5-6}$  arylene group;

except for the following compounds:



wherein said unit of formula II is bound to one or more other units selected from:

- (i) units of formula II; and
- (ii) amino-heteroarylene-carbonyl units of formula III;



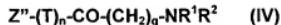
wherein E is either optionally substituted  $C_{5-20}$  heteroarylene or  $C_{8-10}$  heteroarylene- $C_{5-20}$  arylene.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A The polyamido moiety according to claim 6, wherein A and B are independently selected from phenylene, and heteroarylene groups derived from C<sub>5</sub> heteroaryl groups having one or two heteroatoms.

9. (Currently Amended) A compound comprising a the polyamido moiety according to claim 6.

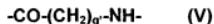
10. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) A The compound according to claim 9, having a formula **IV**:



wherein:

Z'' is OH or a protected hydroxy group;

each T is independently selected from units of formulae II, III or V:



wherein:

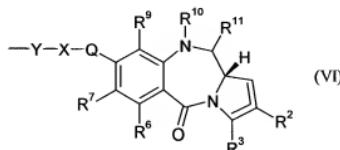
q' is from 1 to 3;

n is from 1 to 10;

q is from 1 to 3; and

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are independently selected from C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl.

11. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) A The compound according to claim 9, comprising a pyrrolobenzodiazepine moiety of formula **VI**:



and salts, solvates, chemically protected forms, and prodrugs thereof, wherein:

the dotted lines indicate the optional presence of a double bond between C1 and C2 or C2 and C3;

R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are independently selected from -H, -OH, =O, =CH<sub>2</sub>, -CN, -R, OR, halo, =CH-R, O-SO<sub>2</sub>-R, CO<sub>2</sub>R and COR;

R<sup>6</sup>, R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> are independently selected from H, R, OH, OR, SH, SR, NH<sub>2</sub>, NHR, NRR', nitro, Me<sub>3</sub>Sn and halo; where R and R' are independently selected from optionally substituted C<sub>1-7</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3-20</sub> heterocyclyl and C<sub>5-20</sub> aryl groups;

or R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> together form a group -O-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>p</sub>-O-, where p is 1 or 2;

R<sup>10</sup> is a nitrogen protecting group and R<sup>11</sup> is either O-R<sup>15</sup>, wherein R<sup>15</sup> is a hydroxyl protecting group, or R<sup>15</sup> is OH; or

R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> together form a double bond between N10 and C11;

Q is selected from O, S, NH or a single bond;

X is a divalent group such that HY = R, or a single bond;

Y is either NH or C(=O).

12. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) A The compound according to claim 11, wherein R<sup>9</sup> is H.

13. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) A The compound according to claim 11, wherein R<sup>6</sup> is selected from H, OH, OR, SH, NH<sub>2</sub>, nitro and halo.

14. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) A The compound according to claim 11, wherein R<sup>7</sup> is independently selected from H, OR, SH, SR, NH<sub>2</sub>, NHR, NRR' and halo.

15. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) A The compound according to claim 11, wherein R<sup>10</sup> is BOC, Troc or alloc.

16. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) A The compound according to claim 11, wherein R<sup>15</sup> is THP or a silyl oxygen protecting group.

17. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) A The compound according to claim 11, wherein R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup> together form a double bond between N10 and C11.

18. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) A The compound according to claim 11, wherein Q is NH, O or a single bond.
19. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) A The compound according to claim 11, wherein X is a single bond or C<sub>1-7</sub> alkylene.
20. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) A The compound according to claim 11, wherein R<sup>3</sup> is H.
21. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) A The compound according to claim 11, wherein R<sup>2</sup> is R.
22. (Canceled)
23. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition containing a the compound of claim 9, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.
24. (Canceled)
25. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) A method of treatment of a proliferative disease, comprising administering to a subject in need of treatment a therapeutically-effective amount of a the compound of claim 9.
26. (Canceled)